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In re Application of:

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For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE

HIGH AND LOW SHEAR RHEOLOGY OF MINERAL SLURRIES AND THE PRODUCTS DERIVED THEREFROM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to reply to the final Office Action of July 16, 2003. Please charge the extension fee of \$110.00, as well as any additional required fees, to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted.

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